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1. The central offices of MASZOVOL are in Budapest, Szentistván Körut 11, the storage depot at Budapest, Soroksári Ut (near the free port) and the garage in Ujpest, Tünde Ut 4.
2. The company is exploiting wells at Bugyi, Tótkomlos, Biharkeresztes and Beregböszörmény.
 - a. At Bugyi, there is a rotatory tower drill constructed in the Concordia factory in Rumania. The pipes for this drill were delivered from Skoda. In April, 1948, drilling had been carried to a depth of 1,500 meters, when the bit became snared and the drill broke. It had not been extracted by the end of May. Traces of gas had been found at 1,500 meters but no oil is as yet being exploited from this field.
 - b. At Tótkomlos, oil is believed to be produced but no details are known.
 - c. At Biharkeresztes, a former German concession, two of the three wells are empty; the third, at 800 meters, has produced good traces of oil. Two Viennese geologists are working here.
 - d. At Beregböszörmény five shafts have been sunk. Oil has been found on two occasions at 1,200 meters, and twice the drill has broken. In June 1947, gas was struck at 1,500 meters in such pressure that 480,000 square meters of the surrounding land became sodden to a depth of three meters, the well taking a month to seal. The fifth attempt was made into the same seam after repair work lasting a year; this time the drill broke at 800 meters. As a result of all this, chief engineer Angyal, chief drillmaster Pál Markó, Aurel Konrád, József Gagyi and János Szabo, together with all the laborers immediately employed on the well, were imprisoned.
3. All machinery, with the exception of pipes and bits, is produced for MASZOVOL in Hungary and Rumania; workshops at Orenstein and Koppel of Kispest produce the tanks, drills and chisels for the company.
4. Courses are held for skilled laborers in Budapest; at these courses, which last two years, a high standard is set; after the last course 40 of the 120 candidates graduated as drillmasters.

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